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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	09/202,791
	<b>Filing Date</b>	Int'l Filing Date June 26, 1997
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Kouji MATSUSHIMA
	<b>Art Unit</b>	1651
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	D. Ware
	<b>Attorney Docket No.</b>	350292000500

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☒ Other Amendment after final Office Action dated June 18, 2003

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (11 pgs)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (3 pgs)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg); Fee Transmittal (1 pg + Duplicate); Request to Withdraw a Holding of an Improper Abandonment + Exhibit A (4 pgs); PTO Form 1449 (1 pg + Duplicate); 6 References; Return Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

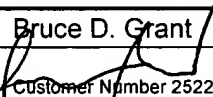
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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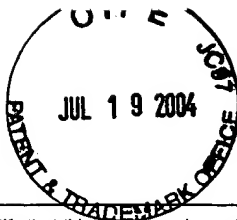
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In re Patent Application of:

Kouji MATSUSHIMA and Kenji YOKOI

Application No.: 09/202,791

Art Unit: 1651

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Examiner: D. Ware

For: THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR ACUTE LUNG  
INJURY RESULTING FROM INDIRECT  
CAUSES COMPRISING ANTI-IL-8  
ANTIBODY AS ACTIVE INGREDIENT

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37CFR § 1.114**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Prosecution (RCE), and is in response to an Advisory Action dated January 29, 2004, a final Office Action herein mailed June 18, 2003, and a response to the final Office Action and a Notice of Appeal herein filed December 18, 2003. A petition for an extension of time of five (5) months which extends the time for response until at least July 18, 2004, is attached herewith along with the required fee. Pending claims 16-29 and 31-44 were rejected in the final Office Action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.